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County and Forest Service seeking committee members

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. – The Forest Service and Coconino County are seeking candidates to fill vacancies on a resource advisory committee (RAC).

The Coconino RAC covers Coconino County and the national forests of Coconino, Kaibab, Prescott, and Apache-Sitgreaves. Current vacancies on the Coconino RAC include seats which represent the following interests listed in the Secure Rural School Act and authorized by Congress:

- Organized labor
- Non-timber forest product harvester
- Developed outdoor recreation
- Off-highway vehicle users
- Commercial timber industry
- Federal grazing permittees or other land use permittees
- American Indian tribes
- The public-at-large

Under the law, the 15 committee members are divided into three groups, and each member will serve a full term of four years, representing a particular set of interests.

The committee develops and recommends projects that benefit national forest land in Coconino County, monitors the projects, and provides advice to the Forest Service.

“We’re looking for people with energy and commitment to the long-term benefit of our national forests, who also are interested in working with a diverse array of interests represented on the committee,” said Dave Warnack, acting deputy forest supervisor for the Coconino National Forest.

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The law gives states and counties payments for the next four years, tied to the amount of national forest land in the county and other factors. Any Arizona resident interested in serving on the committee must complete an application form that will be used for a required background check.

Applications are available online at <http://tinyurl.com/ly726kj> or you can request one from the Coconino National Forest Supervisor's Office at 928-527-3600.

Applications are due March 14, 2014.

Mail them to Dave Warnack, Attn: RAC, US Forest Service, 1824 S. Thompson St., Flagstaff, AZ 86001. Committee members do not receive pay, but in some circumstances can be reimbursed for travel expenses to meetings.

For more information, call Dave Warnack, the acting deputy forest supervisor, at (928) 527-3456, or email him at **dwarnack@fs.fed.us**. For general information on RACs, go online to **www.fs.usda.gov/pts/**.

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